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REASON(S)  
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EXEMPTIONS

1. On basis your recommendation and Hilsman's talk Nov. 20 with Nong Kimny, Dept. concurs U.S. should immediately agree to Cambodian request. Although agree we should conduct negotiations so as to preserve best relations with Cambodia possible under circumstances, any delay in beginning talks or stalling during them would neither be in keeping with dignity of U.S. or defensible before U.S. Congress and public.

2. Dept. is cabling separately text of first person note which you should deliver under instructions soonest.

3. In delivering note, you should make the following points with respect to charges against U.S. and investigation of them:

The President has a high regard for Prince Sihanouk and does not want any impairment of relations with him. He has therefore, himself, looked into the matter and he can find no evidence whatever of any

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complicity or involvement on the part of the United States Government or any of its officers. Therefore, if Prince Sihanouk has any evidence to the contrary the President would like to have it. The United States has of course given a variety of arms and communications equipment to the Vietnamese and Thai Governments just as it has to the Cambodians. Therefore, to be meaningful the evidence must be specific -- exactly when and where did the Americans give the arms and radios as alleged? What were the names of the Americans alleged to have given this equipment? What instructions were these Americans alleged to have given to the recipients? If arms were received from Americans, what evidence is there that they were given for any purpose other than those related to the normal strategic hamlet program in South Viet-Nam and subsequently misappropriated by recipients? Etc.?

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